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TODAY'S GAMES

S.S.M.N.F.L. v. W.A.F.A.
GOSNELLS OVAL
RESERVES 12.00
LEAGUE 2.30

NEXT WEEK

MADDINGTON v. KENWICK
KWINANA v. KELMSCOTT
GOSNELLS v. THORNLIE
ARMADALE v. CANNING
KALAMUNDA v. MANDURAH

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HOW GOOD IS SUNDAY FOOTBALL IN W.A.?

If the competition in the South Suburban Murray National Football League this year is any indication, it is at an all-time high.

Seven of the top teams still have a chance to qualify for the finals with only Canning (two wins), Mandurah and Kalamunda (yet to win a game) falling by the wayside.

Only three games separate the top six teams with Maddington, Kwinana and Gosnells two games clear of Kelmscott and Kenwick.

Kwinana shot into equal favouritism for the flag when they defeated the previously unbeaten Maddington side at Medina on Sunday in one of the best games played in the League for a number of years.

Football is said to be suffering at the hands of soccer in the southern metropolitan area where a high proportion of migrants make up the population.

But Sunday's game would have been a shot in the arm for the greatest of all football codes — Australian Rules.

The game between Kwinana and Maddington received widespread publicity and was billed as the game of the year. The huge crowd who watched the match were not disappointed.

Fans who watch league football on Saturdays and then South Suburban games on Sundays were adamant that this match was the best football spectacle they had seen for a number of years.

The game had all the skills that sets this code apart from other codes. It was an even, fiercely-contested affair which was won in the last few minutes of the final quarter.

But above all it was not marred by spite in the way so many close games between top sides are.

Soccer fans who were attracted to the game came away full of praise for Australian Rules — significant factor.

The game between Kelmscott and Thornlie at Kelmscott was played in the same way — which augurs well for the game in this league.

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Fifteen players with league experience will be seen in action in today's big game.

The WAFA lead the way with nine ex-league players and the South Suburban have six who have made it to the top.

SSMNFL captain-coach Don Rintoul will be remembered as a tough, unyielding half back flanker with East Perth who more than once incurred the wrath of the WANFL tribunal. Rintoul, now captain-coach of Mandurah, will play on a halfback flank today.

Other former league men in the side are ruckmen-defender Brad Trevenen (South Fremantle), centre half-back Rod Mohr (Swan Districts), half-back Kevin Wilson (Perth), ruckman Paul Polsen (Perth) and ruckman Ray Witt (Perth).

For WAFA, captain-coach John Reilly (South Fremantle) leads an impressive bunch of former league men.

Others in the side are back-pocket player Barry McAuliffe (West Perth) defender John Hill (West Perth), ruck-rover Milan Trifunovic (Swan Districts), half forward John Garnaut (East Perth), centre half-forward Bob Garman (East Fremantle), rover Terry Harris (Swan Districts), ruckman Ray Turner (East Fremantle) and full forward Nigel Mill's (Swan Districts).

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W.A.F.A. PLAYERS

JOHN HILL, age 28, 5' 11", 13 stone. Played 38 games with West Perth, usually at half-back flank position, 1971-72-73 selected in South West League combined side; at present coaching Osborne League side.

BOB GARMAN, age 26, 6' 1", 13 stone, league experience with East Fremantle, Captain of Metropolitan in his fourth year with that club. Good ruck-rover type, can play in any position with distinction. Won WAFA Fairest and Best Award 1974; never plays a bad game.

MILAN TRIFUNOVIC, age 24. Very talented wingman or rover. Played 49 games for Swan Districts, after coming up through the Swans Junior grades; a definite acquisition to the WAFA.

JOHN BRADY, age 28, 6', 13½ stone, 6 years with Swan Districts; 6 years with Victoria Park; having one of his best seasons this year. Strong mark, accurate kick from the half forward line, can take a turn on the ball when required. Coach of Victoria Park Reserves.

JOHN DIMITROFF, age 24, 5' 6", 11 stone, Perth Junior Council to Perth Thirds and Fourths, then to Victoria Park Amateurs and on to Victoria Park WAFA. First class rover and accurate kick in the forward line.

RAY TURNER. Ruckman-forward. Age 24 years. Height 6' 2". Weight 13 stone 7lb. Former East Fremantle League utility player. Has a safe pair of hands and is renowned for his high marking. Joined the Wanneroo Football Club in 1974 and was a member of their Grand Final team of that year.

PETER CURLEY. Centreman. Age 29 years. Height 5' 9". Weight 11 stone 6 lb. A former West Perth player who played over 50 league games with that Club. Was a member of their 1971 Premiership Team. Coached Narrogin in 1974 and has been appointed Assistant Coach of the Wanneroo Football Club.

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W.A.F.A. PLAYERS

NIGEL MILLS. Forward. Age 22 years. Height 6ft. 1in. Weight 11 stone 7 lb. Former Swan Districts League forward. Possesses a spectacular leap and can kick accurately with either foot. Currently playing at full forward for Wanneroo.

IAN McCRAE. Rover. Age 29 years. Height 5ft. 8in. Weight 11 stone 4 lb. Joined the Wanneroo Football Club this year. Has speed to burn and can kick accurately with either foot.

Captain-Coach JOHN REILLY, age 33, 6ft. 3in. 13½ stone. Needs no special introductions to the W.A. football public. 153 first class games — Carlton, Footscray, South Fremantle, South Perth. Captain of the 1973 and 1974 Association Combined team.

GARY BOTHERHOVEN, age 26, 5ft. 10in., 13 stone. Experience with distinction at centre half forward. Played with South Fremantle, North Darwin and South Perth.

ARCHIE ANDERSON. Age 27, 6ft., 13½ stone. Played 156 games for South Fremantle and South Perth. Very good utility player, particularly in the forward area.

TERRY HARRIS. Age 26, 5ft. 9in., 11 stone, 90 games with Swan Districts. Played with distinction, Harvey-Brunswick. A very capable player.

PETER JOLOB. Age 23, 5ft. 9in., 13 stone, ex-Perth Junlor Council and Belmont Sunday League. Plays the full back position to perfection.

ROLLY DAW. Age 28, several seasons with South Fremantle, two years with West Adelaide. Second season with Co.-East Fremantle in the centre position. Also an excellent rover or wingman.

ALLAN VINES. Age 23, 5ft. 10in., 12½ stone. Played 43 League games with East Perth; very good half back flanker, perfect ball control and exhibits amazing stamina.

ALLAN COCHRAN. Age 26, 6ft. 5in., 15 stone. Experience, Jolimont, Wembley Amateurs, Subiaco League, Avon Valley. Good, strong knock ruckman, good mark around the ground and a match-winner when resting in the forward line.

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JOCK McALPINE. Age 27, 6ft. 2in., 13 stone. Excellent knock ruckman, brilliant high mark, and valuable midfield player. Jock played most of his football in the Newcastle area, and gained a place in the 1973 N.S.W. State side.

JEFF ADAMS. Age 24, 5ft. 11½in., 12½ stone. Jeff has played all of his football Mosman Park, U/14s, U/16s, U/18s, U/20s and senior grades. A versatile player who is equally at ease in either the centre half forward or centre half back position.

LINDSAY MOYLAN. Age 24, 5ft. 11in., 11½ stone. Plays the centre half back position to perfection. Won Applecross fairest and best award 1974 and well up in the voting this year.

JOHN GARNAUT. Age 26, 6ft. 11in., 13 stone, 57 games with East Perth, coached Mandurah 1973, coached Osborne Park 1974. Very talented half forward line player.

BARRY McAULIFFE. Age 31, 5ft. 11in., 12½ stone. Experienced half back flanker. Six years with North Melbourne, six years West Perth; coached Tammin 1974, coach of Osborne Park Reserves 1975.

BOB MURPHY. Age 24, 6ft, 12½ stone. Top class centre man, with good all round ability. Played in Queensland League 1974.

S.S.M.N.F.L. PLAYERS

BILL HAZELL. Age 24, 5ft. 7in., 12 stone. Position wing, centre, half back flank, rover. Fairest and best Kwinana 1972 and 1974. Tenacious ground player. Never beaten.

BILL DUNNE. Age 17, 5ft. 9½in., 10 stone 7 lb. Position full forward. Champion junior footballer; in second season with senior side.

MURRAY LLOYD. Position rover. From Fremantle Ex-Scholars. Deadly snap shot for goal. Good high mark for size.

G. BROWN. Age 23, 6ft. 5in. Played State Amateurs 1971; cleared to and played Kellerberrin 1972. Joined Kalamunda 1975. Big strong aggressive ball player; good team man.

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BOUNDARY: R. Stewart, C. Bushby. GOAL: R. Clarke, C. Bishop.

S.S.M.N.F.L.

(Red, White and Black)

W.A.F.A.

(Blue and White)

1. THOMPSON, B.
2. BROWN, R.
3. DI CARLO, J.
4. RUNDELL, G.
5. SMITH, P.
6. LLOYD, M.
7. HAZELL, W.
8. RINTOUL, D. (C.-Coach)
9. SLOPER, D.
10. MINSON, R.
11. WILSON, K.
12. NARKLE, A.
13. MOHR, R.
14. EDWARDS, P.
15. WITT, R.
16. LUCICH, D.
17. MAFFINA, A.
18. HAYES, J.
19. BROWN, G.
20. REYNOLDS, G.
21. NICHOLAS, J.
22. TREVENAM, B.
23. VLAHOV, J.
24. POLSEN, P.
25. DUNN, W.
26. TENARDI, C.

1. McCRAE, I.
2. DAW, R.
3. DIMITROFF, J.
4. TRIFUNOVIC, M.
5. VINES, A.
6. HARRIS, T.
7. CARN, I.
8. CURLEY, P.
9. BOTERHOVEN, G.
10. ANDERSON, A.
11. ADAMS, J.
12. MOYLAN, L.
13. HILL, J.
14. GARMAN, R.
15. McAULIFFE, B.
16. MURPHY, R.
17. MILLS, N.
18. McALPINE, J.
19. BRABY, J.
20. JOLOB, P.
22. PERRY, B.
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J. HAYES. Age 27, 6ft. Played Swans Third and Reserves. Joined Kalamunda 1971. Played for S.S.M.N.F.L. 1972, 1974. Strong player; half back, centre and centre half forward.

D. RINTOUL. Age 26, 5ft. 11in. Ruck-rover defender; 45 League games with East Perth. Joined Mandurah 1972, captain-coach Mandurah 1974-75.

B. TREVENEN. Age 23, 6ft. 2in., 14 stone 2lb. Ruckman. Nineteen League games with South Fremantle. Joined Mandurah 1973.

G. RUNDELL. Age 25, 5ft. 10in., 13 stone. Played with Mandurah since age of 13. Centreman.

JIM DI CARLO. Rover. 25 years, 5ft. 5in., 10 stone. Commenced football with Osborne Park Juniors and then graduated through the Thirds and Reserves to play League with West Perth. He was appointed coach of Scarborough Amateurs and represented W.A. in the State Amateur side four times. In 1973 he was selected in the All Australian Amateur Team. Jim moved to Maddington in 1974 and coached the Reserves to a premiership. He was vice-captain of the successful League team. A talented courageous player, with pace to burn who can kick with both feet.

ROD MOHR. Centre half back. 25 years of age, 6ft. 1in., 13½ stone. Commenced football with a N.S.W. country side then moved to Melbourne and played League with South Melbourne. Shifted to W.A. and played 41 League games with Swan Districts. Played most of his football at full back, but since moving to Maddington has clearly established himself as the best centre half back in the competition. Is an attacking footballer, who backs his judgement to perfection.

JOHN VLAHOV. Age 23, 5ft. 9in., 11½ stone. Perth Seconds, 32 games 1969-70. Started with Queens Park Juniors, transferred Canning Juniors, 50 games. Played League S.S.M.N.F.L., 60 games; played League Q.A.F.L., 60 games with Mayne.

PAUL POLSEN. Age 24, 6ft ½in., 14½ stone. Started 14 years Wagga, N.S.W., 1964. Played Reserves Hawthorn 1968, Perth League, 34 games 1971-74, Esperance 1969-70-71, 60 games.

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(Blue and Gold)

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2. HICKS, M.
3. DILLON, B.
4. MacKENZIE, M.
5. SLODECKI, M.
6. MITCHELL, M.
7. WARDLOW, B.
8. TANN, L.
9. GORDONI, C.
10. BEATTIE, A.
11. OGG, D.
12. ROBINS, W.
13. REYNOLDS, G.
14. FROST, P.
15. VERMALS, C.
16. JARVIS, R.
17. JENYNS, M.
18. RENOLDI, P.
19. O'REILLY, D.
20. TOWERS, C.
21. HERON, P.
22. RICHARDSON, T.
23. ANTUNOVICH, B.
24. JACKSON, S.
25. O'CHIERA, J.

W.A.F.A.

(Red and Black)

1. BROCKWELL, C.
2. FORANDA, P.
3. CHIRCOP, C.
4. DEVENNY, G.
5. SCIANCALERPORI, D.
6. CHIDZEY, K.
7. McKAY, K.
8. PATTERSON, G.
9. BROOKS, K.
10. DEDMAN, B. (C.-Coach)
11. STEWART, D.
12. LUSH, K.
13. PATRICK, M.
14. TRUSLOVE, K.
15. MARKHAM, S.
16. PITCHER, D.
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DAVID LUCICH. Ex-South Fremantle backman. Tight defender, who has the potential to succeed in any position. Makes up for lack of height by superb judgement and is probably the longest kick in the League.

KEVIN WILSON. Ex-Perth League player. Started his junior football with Kenwick before going to Perth. Now playing at centre half back for Kenwick and is putting in consistently brilliant displays this season.

KIM LOFTS. Young (turned 21 early in May), robust ruckman recruited from Perth Thirds. Has started the season in brilliant form, being amongst the best players in all games he has played. Strong overhead mark; consistent kickgetter; never-say-die attitude.

BRIAN THOMPSON: Ex-Claremont wingman. Started his junior football with Manning in the Perth district. Has won numerous fairest and best awards. Coached Kenwick League side for five years. Now in charge of the Kenwick Reserves side. Courage unlimited, strong kick, good user of the ball and always gives 100 per cent for the team.

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